



NOVEMBER 27, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**CLUSTERED CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

255 W. Main St (office - 214 W. Locust St.) Covington, VA 24426
540-962-6541 sacredheartcovington.org
Mass Schedule: Sunday 11:00 AM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

620 Jefferson Ave. Clifton Forge, VA 24422
540-863-5371 stjosephcf.org
Mass Schedule: Sunday 9:00 AM

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART

1499 Shady Ln. (P.O. Box 38) Hot Springs, VA 24445
540-839-2603 shrineofthesacredheartparish.org
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM

Fr. Augustine Lukenge, Pastor

434-755-1208

Fr. Tom Collins, Retired Priest In-Residence

540-588-8492

Fr. Dan Kelly, Retired Priest In-Residence

434-270-6037

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are available before each Mass at all churches.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

In order for a Catholic to enter a sacramentally valid marriage, he/she must respect and follow the Church's discipline regarding this sacrament. Call the parish office for specific information. Normally, about six months should be allowed to prepare for this sacred covenant. Parish registration is necessary.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Students are required to be registered in the parish & be participating in the parish Rel. Ed. Program. Confirmation classes are separate and obligatory.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Parents are required to attend one Baptism preparation class (seminar). Baptism is celebrated within the weekend Mass. Call the parish offices for a seminar date.

Today's Gospel

*"So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*

Matthew 24:37-44

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Lukenge	434-755-1208
Council Chair	Paul Cormier	540-968-6410
Vice Chair	Libby Burger	540-691-6618
Secretary	Mary Asma	540-965-5551
Worship	Paul Cormier	540-968-6410
Community Life	Kathy Smestad	540-862-5333
Justice & Peace	Mary Asma	540-965-5551
Grds & Maint.	Jimmy Withrow	540-494-3987

Sacred Heart Parish 540-962-6541

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Lukenge	434-755-1208
Council Chair	Mark Taylor	540-968-1183
	Laurie O'Doherty	703-282-9203
	DeDe Rogowski	540-962-7344
Worship	Tom O'Doherty	540-962-6795
Community Life	Alvina Nida	540-747-2211
Justice & Peace	John Stec	540-862-1917
Grds & Maint.	Ron Brunetti	540-962-1565
Religious Educ.	Dianne Garcia	540-691-4896
K of C Contact	Tom O'Doherty	540-962-6795

Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish 540-839-2603

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Lukenge	434-755-1208
Council Chair	Herb Godschalk	540-255-3690
Vice Chair	Beth Eley	646-842-1555
Secretary	Sue Godschalk	540-255-2499
Worship	Eileen Judah	540-968-6409
Community Life	Deborah Lambert	540- 468-3438
Justice & Peace	Tom Misiak	540-997-1478
Grds & Maint.	Louis Pokrywka	540-925-2413



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:

Sacred Heart – Arthur Headley, Jessie (Jesus) Morals, Joel Moscoso
St. Joseph – Michael Buchanan, Joshua Crawford, Andy Shepard

PRAYER LIST

St. Joseph

Brian Albrecht, Keith Albrecht, Clair Dilley Tom Greenwood, Larry Griffith, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Marcella Jordan, Jonnie Noel, David Palance, Maria and Bob Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Thomas Wade, Bill Withrow

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margaret Fields, Dorothy Miller, Bill and Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$897.00
Catholic Charities	69.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,447.00
COPE Food Pantry	317.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$ 904.86
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CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday
Sacred Heart - 11:30AM Wednesday and
12NOON Friday (10:45AM Friday, Holy Hour
with Benediction at Sacred Heart)

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated next
Saturday, December 3rd, at Sacred Heart in honor
of the Blessed Mother. Service starts at 9:00AM
with the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother
followed by Mass.

Contact Fr. Tom (540-588-8492) to schedule a
time for weekday Mass at the Shrine of the
Sacred Heart.



Remembering your parish in your will is a
wonderful way of continuing your good
stewardship.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

Metal was rare and expensive in ancient times.
Consequently, it had to be reused rather than be
scrapped. In times of war, the metal was shaped
into swords and spears. When peace seemed
evident, a blacksmith would heat and reform it
into tools for farming. Plows were made of
wood, but had metal tips called "shares" or
"shears" because they cut or sheared into the
ground. Isaiah predicts that the Messiah would
usher in a time of peace and abundance.

NOTICES

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** is Thursday, December 8th.
Mass will be celebrated at 12NOON at Sacred Heart
and at 5:30PM at St. Joseph.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE is Monday,
December 12th. Mass will be celebrated at Sacred
Heart at 6:00PM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sacred Heart will have a Children's Christmas Pageant
and potluck dinner on December 18th in the parish hall
at 5PM. All parishioners from our clustered parishes
are invited. Please bring a dish of your choice and join
us. You are welcome to attend even if you cannot
bring a dish.

BEWARE OF SCAMS

With the Holiday Season underway, we want to offer
a reminder to all to be vigilant against online scams.
Scammers are out in full force during the holidays.
Don't be taken by those out to use the busyness and
good will of the season to do harm. A few things to
look out for, as always:

- Calls, Emails, Texts, Instant Messages, Etc. asking for
gift cards, funds, cash apps or money wires on behalf
of the Bishop, pastors, church staff, other
parishioners, etc.

-Calls, Emails, Texts, Instant Messages, Etc. indicating
that your account or purchase shipment has been
compromised or that you need to "*Click This Link*" to
confirm your account or order.

- Calls, Emails, Texts, Instant Messages, Etc. from an
unknown person asking for your password, social
security number or access to your computer.

**What to do if you receive a suspicious
communication:**

Delete it. Don't engage with the person on the other
end. Try to reach your contact via a different
(previously used or independently verified) method
of communication.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Nov. 27	Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 13: 11-14; Psalms 85: 8; Matthew 24: 37-44
Mon. Nov. 28	Isaiah 4: 2-6; Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 80: 4; Matthew 8: 5-11
Tues. Nov. 29	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10: 21-24
Wed. Nov. 30	Romans 10: 9-18; Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4: 19; Matthew 4: 18-22
Thurs. Dec. 1	Isaiah 26: 1-6; Psalms 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Isaiah 55: 6; Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
Fri. Dec. 2	Isaiah 29: 17-24; Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9: 27-31
Sat. Dec. 3	Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26; Psalms 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Isaiah 33: 22; Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5a, 6-8
Sun. Dec. 4	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15: 4-9; Luke 3: 4, 6; Matthew 3: 1-12

VOCATIONS

"...you must be prepared..." Are you prepared for God's calling in your life? Might He be calling you as a priest? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



PREPARE FOR A MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS

Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent — a season of preparation.

For what are we preparing? The celebration of the birth of our Savior, and the anticipation of His second coming. These are weighty tasks with eternal consequences.

So, let us as Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths." In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a "perfect" Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure, the Church's guidance to use these weeks as a time to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain climb.

But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is exactly what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent. How can we use our time to prepare for a holy celebration of Jesus' birth on December 25 and for his second coming at a date we do not know?

We can push back against the world's pressure to have the "perfect Christmas."

Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for the spiritual preparations: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, and acts of kindness. In the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again.